

Appl. No: 09/380,447
Amendment Dated June 14, 2004
Reply to Office Action of May 14, 2004

REMARKS

Applicants have received a communication from the Examiner concerning the previously submitted amendment. The Examiner requests that the Applicants identify how the newly submitted claims read on the elected species. Applicants note that the elected species of heterologous protein as stated by the examiner is an antibody or fragment thereof.

Applicants have canceled claims 34 -41, 43, and 50-51, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in one or more continuation applications or to reinstate these claims at a later date.

Applicants have amended claims 31 and 47. Applicants submit the amendments to the claims are supported throughout the specification and do not raise any issues of new matter.

Applicants have added new claims 52-54. The new claims are supported throughout the specification including at Figures 1A, 1B and 1C. Applicants submit the newly presented claims do not raise any issues of new matter.

Claims 31 and 45 include sequences. The sequences in claim 31 include the sequence of the major coat protein of M13 (SEQ ID NO:2). The sequences in claim 45 are the sequences of linking peptides.

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SUMMARY

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative if prosecution may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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